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Dear Mr. Ramaswami

With reference to the correspondence ending with your D.O. letter dated the 8th November 1937, regarding the activities of Mr. H. C. Dasappa, I am desired to suggest to you the expediency of preventing him from making any speeches for some time under the relevant provisions of either the Police Regulation or under the Criminal Procedure Code.

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H. V. Ramasvami, Esq., M.A., B.L.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

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Shri G.M. Mehkri

With reference to your letter dated the 5th instant (copy enclosed) to the First Member of Council stating that there are not sufficient materials for proceeding against Mr. H.C. Dasappa in respect of speeches delivered by him in certain places of the Mysore District, I am desired to suggest to you the expediency of preventing him from making any speeches for some time under the relevant provisions of either the Police Regulations or under the Criminal Procedure Code.

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G.M. Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
District Magistrate,
Mysore District.

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F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE
93-37-29
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DEWAN'S OFFICE
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Dear Mr.Kesavaiengar,

I send herewith a copy of the speech made by Mr.H.C. Dasappa on the 6th instant at Subbarayanakere maidan, Mysore city, for the information of Government as the speech appears to be an attack on the Government of Mysore. The District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, has requested the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, to obtain sanction for the prosecution of Mr.H.C.Dasappa under Section 124-A I.P.C.

Submitted to Dewan
9.12.37
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Yours sincerely,

T.Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

(1) Send such a letter as we have in cases of this nature.
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Extract from the proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore District Congress Committee at Subbarayanakere Maidan on 6th December 1937.

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Before I joined Congress, I used to find it difficult as to whom to invite or not for such dinners. But now I find it so easy and my mind has become so wide as an ocean. My mind which was like Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea has now become like Pacific Ocean. This change in me was after 16th October 1937 when the Peoples' Party and Congress Party amalgamated. I offer my sincere apology to all of you whom I had not invited for dinner. You may think in whichever manner you like about the dinner I gave-whether for Congress Propaganda, or on account of my birth-day or in honour of Sahukar Channiah. I now introduce to you the speakers-Mr.Bhadriah of Grama Seva Samithi (Editor of Grama Seve) Mysore, who has been doing rural reconstruction work and maintaining a students' home- Mr.Srikantiah of Nanjangud who as Secretary of the Congress Committee there, has been encouraging people to join congress. They will speak on this 'Repression Day' about Responsible Government. A resolution has to be passed urging Responsible Government. Regarding this subject there is conflict of opinion among our people. The speakers of to-day will make the point clear."

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Cold is very severe now. If there is no heat in our speeches

they will be very cold. Government are making the situation hot and causing pin-pricks in many ways. " ಅನೇಕ ಪಿನ್ ಪ್ರಿಕ್ ಆಗಿ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ" S.Rangaramiah, M.N.Jois, T.Subramanyam and Nanjappa Kotre are instances of such pin-pricks. Recently Anku Gowda and Kariappa are proceeded under security sections. While Anku Gowda was in a meeting with lawyers who were engaged in delivering speeches, he was been charged that he was at that time creating disturbance of peace in prohibiting by obstructing persons from going to toddy shop at some other place. The present activity is God's will " ಭಗವಂತನೆಲ್ಲಿ " God has said that whenever injustice increases he will come down to help manking. Unity has taken root in people. On 25-11-1937 when I had gone to Hassan, I noticed this. Mr.Gundappa Gowda who was against congress in now a Congressite. Ministers are those elevated in Government service only. We pray for elected ministers. The two Councillors are not interfering. " ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಂದಿ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಮಾತನಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ " The Dewan is all in all. "ದಿವಾನ್ ಸರ್ವಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ" That is why we way Dewan, Dewan for everything. In his Closepet speech the Dewan wanred the Municipal Bodies not to take part in politics and if they violate, they would be punished. Now he has so arranged that the Panchayat Chairman and Patels are reading Gandhi's statement and Dewan's speech to the villagers. Is this not their taking part in Politics? The Dewan is speaking contrary to his tongue. If jasmine flower has got fragrance it spreads of its own accord and does not require advertisement. Now out of ryots' money a publicity department is created just to increase the burden of the ryot. If anybody has got some respect towards Government even that is about to be lost. " ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೂವಿಗೆ ಪರಿಮಳವಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದು ತಾನೇ ಪ್ರಚಾರವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ಕೊಡಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ರೈತರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿ ರೈತರ ಹೊರೆಯನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಗೌರವವಿದ್ದರೆ ಅದೂ ಕೂಡ ಹೋಗುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ".

At Kunigal a few days ago while the Amildar was holding Jamabandi there was a big Vedanta there. All this reminds me of a Drama which I witnessed while I was a student in Madras. In it the moral was-what if food or chunnam is eaten, let us eat food alone,- What if we live in Palace or hut? Let us live in Palace alone. " ಅನ್ನ ತಿಂದರೇನು ಸುಣ್ಣ ತಿಂದರೇನು. ಅನ್ನ ಉಸಿರಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅರಮನೆ ಇದ್ದರೇನು ಗುಡಿಸಲಿದ್ದರೇನು. ಅರಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ ಮಾಡೋಣ. ಇದೇ ಮೇಲಾದ್ದು. ಅದೇ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನಕಾರಿ.

There is no beginning or end for bad propaganda." ಎಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಕಾರ್ಯಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ"

Poor ryot with his bent body works all day through spills his blood and gives money. He is not considered to be a loyal subject. Those only who,are receiving fat salaries are loyal. You tell me who is loyal.

At Thirthahalli someone remarked that among Congress-workers many are debtors. The debt of Government was of 9 crores. Now it has increased to 12 crores. I remember Sir M.Visweswariah's words. He said that to advance one must become debtor as it gives him an impetus to think and take initiative. Let a list of Government officers who are debtors be prepared. What a big list it would be. At the doors of several Government Officers Pathan money lenders are waiting. Previous speakers have explained who the true Congressmen are. Every Congressman should think that his ideal is good. He must wear khadder from head to foot. If I am given now such fat salary as Government Officers, I would have become a true Congressman long back. He who sacrifices is only fit to be a Congressman. If one merey boasts that he is a Congressman he is dishonouring the name of the Congress. It is not right for him to say so. In this connection I am reminded of a Puranic story. Dharmaraya boasted that he was giving charity to 1308 persons daily. His pride increased. Krishna to put an end to it adopted a plan. He asked Dharmaraya to go to Bali and speak to him. Accordingly Dharmaraya went to Bali and even there he boasted that he was doing dharma to 1308 persons. Bali said that he was not finding in his country any one in need of charity. So it is the creed of Congress to make the country prosperous that no one is in need of charity. If Government have wisdom-if they have discrimination " ಕಂಡಾಬಟ್ಟೆ ಎಂದೇ ಕಂಡಿದ್ದಾನೆ, ಎಂದು ಇವ ಎಂದಿದೆ ಇವನಿಗೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡಿತ್ತು ಕೊಡಬಾರದಾಗಿತ್ತು.

Mr.K.T.Bashyam was arrested on 15th October and sent to jail on 8th November. Similarly Mr.Siddalingiah. Many are asking me the way to go to jail and they are ready to go to jail. If the Government have got wisdom it is their duty to prevent pebple from falling against each other. Many people are asking me as to why we are not demanding moeny for our work while Government officers are demanding money for their work. I am confident of your support in time of need. If I go round with a Jolige (ಜೋಳಿಗೆ)

I am sure every one will give me something and it would be overfilled. I want your support of Athma. Time of distress will surely come if Government do not awake soon and redress grievances. " [illegible] .

For this we are not responsible. In the fire-pit of self-sacrifice we must purify our life of gold. " [illegible] .

There are young Narimans. We are seeing great men like Mothilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi." [illegible]"

(At this stage there was commotion. People got up; there was claps and shouts). Mr.Dasappa continued thus:-

Please take your seats and stop noise.

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and District Magistrate,
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE DISTRICT.
(Camp: Nelligere)

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Dated, Mysore, the 9th December ..... *193*7.

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FROM M. G. MEHKRI, ESQ., B.A., LL.B.,
~~T. G. RAMA IYER, ESQ., B.A.,~~ and District Magistrate,
Deputy Commissioner/Mysore District.

CS. 93-37-30

To

B.T. KESAVIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of Mysore,*
Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held at Subbarayanakere Maidan on the 6th instant together with a copy of the report received from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, for information of Government and to state that a prosecution could be launched under Section 124 (A) of the Indian Penal Code against Mr. H.C. Dasappa. I, therefore, request that sanction of Government may kindly be obtained for prosecuting him under the above Section.

CS.
The I.G.P's note in this matter has been Subt & Pendency.
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
T. S. Narayana Rao 10/12
District Magistrate,
Mysore District,
(Camp: Nelligere),
Nagamangala Taluk.

The I.G.P's reply since received with orders is herewith put up (Flag 'A')
& Subt Govt orders.
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Dewan's minute may be noted.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
14 DEC. 1937
GOVT. OF MYSORE.
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Copy of letter No.S.B.106/37 dated the 8th December 1937 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, Mysore, to the District Magistrate, Mysore District, Mysore.

In submitting herewith a copy of the proceedings taken down by Stenographer Mr. D. Bhima Rao of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, regarding the speeches delivered at the meeting held at Subbarayanakere Maidan, Mysore City on the 6th instant, I have the honour to state that the speeches of Advocate Mr. H.C. Dasappa, in particular -/'A' (Pages 10 to 13) - flag portion marked - is an attack upon the Government of Mysore.

He is a law-graduate and an advocate of standing and influence. He has been an active member of all the local bodies and the Legislative Council. He commands enormous influence all over the State with members of the Vokkaligar community, which community may be regarded, on account of its numerical strength and employment, as almost the backbone of the country. An anti-Government propaganda engineered by a man of his type, not only is injurious to the public interests but also spells sedition at the nook and corner of the State. An individual of his social standing and perverse mental resources is always to be regarded as a positive danger to society.

In the present political atmosphere, the slightest incitement is enough to sway the minds of the people. During the meeting at Subbarayanakere Maidan on the evening of the 6th instant there was a large gathering consisting of many students and others - mostly uneducated.

The speech of Mr. H.C. Dasappa delivered under the auspices of the Mysore Congress Committee is calculated to create feelings of hatred, contempt and disaffection towards the Government and to raise hostile feelings against them. It, in effect, seeks to alienate the people and weaken the bond of allegiance and prepossesses the minds of the people with avowed or secret

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I consulted the Public Prosecutor in the matter and he is of opinion that the speech, in question, comes clearly within the ambit of Section 124-A I.P.C.

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SECRET.

Proceedings of the meeting held under the auspices of the Mysore District Congress Committee at Subbarayanakere Maidan on 5th December 1937.

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The meeting commenced at 6-30 P.M. K.Vishwanta Rao sang Lavani " ವಂದೇ ಮಾತರಂ ಎಂದು ಕಾರುಣಿಕ ಗಾಂಧಿಯ ಮಕವನು ಬಾಡುಬೇಡಿ. ".

Mr. Asaram Ranjan in his opening speech said thus:-

We have assembled here to-day to observe the Repression day as ordered by the President of the Mysore Congress Board Mr. K. Changalraya Reddi. Mr. H.C. Dasappa has been chosen to be the President of this meeting as already announced in hand-bills. It is my duty to announce that he has become a new man from to-day. Yesterday was his 43rd Birthday. There was dinner yesterday in his house when over 1,000 were fed. People from all over the country were present on that occasion. I am happy to inform you that Sahukar Channian has given a donation of Rs. 50,000/- for Vokkaligar Students. He was spending his money lavishly prior to his wearing Gandhi cap. As soon as he began to wear this Khaddar cap he put a stop to all his luxurious expenses. Thus you will see the effect of Gandhi cap. He turned out a new leaf in his career. We who attended the ~~xixxx~~ dinner yesterday in Mr. Dasappa's house were wondering at the presence of so many Congressmen there. Seeing this we expected "ರಾಗಿ ಮುದ್ದೆ" but to our surprise we had " ಚಿಕೋಟಿ ". Another wonder was that the two sons aged about 10 - 12 years Rama Doss and Tulasi Doss came forward and said that they are ready to follow the leaders, that these leaders might be under the impression that they are too young to fulfill their promise and that they have in their view Abhimanyu and they would act like him. Hearing such words from these boys we had to bend our heads. We thought " ಅಪ್ಪಾ ದೊಡ್ಡದೋ ಮಗ ನೂಡ್ಡದೋ. We concluded that these sons were greater than their father. Seeing another wonder, i.e., Yasoda Dasappa who had never appeared before in public serving a thought came to our mind " ನಂಡ ದೊಡ್ಡದೋ ದೊಂಡತಿ ದೊಡ್ಡದೋ ".

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It is needless to say that wife is greater. Mrs. Dasappa made a short speech that time had come when one should see for the welfare of the country and that it is only for this that all have joined the Congress and been fighting. She went on saying that the dinner had been arranged as a send-off (ಬೀಳ್ಕೊಡುಗೆ) to her husband. It is doubtful, she said, if her husband would remain by next birthday as he is to-day. " ಮುಂದಿನ ವರ್ಷ ಈ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕಿನವರೆಗೆ ಅವರು ಇರುತ್ತಾರೋ ಇಲ್ಲವೋ ಅನ್ನುವುದು ಸಂದೇಹವಾಗಿದೆ. ".

I request you all to bless Mr. H.C.Dasappa. When a lady like Mrs. H.C.Dasappa has spoken words of advice as above it is not proper to keep quiet without participating in these activities.

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Mr. Bhauriah, next spoke thus:-

"What Mr. Dasappa told you about me is exaggeration. Leave alone this matter. The Government have misunderstood about Congress activities of to-day. We do not know why they are somersaulting like this 'ಸಹ್ಕಾರದವರು ಏಕೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಲಾಗು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೋ ತಿಳಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ '. It does not matter if the mind goes wrong but the brain should not be spoiled" ಮನಸ್ಸು ಕೆಟ್ಟರೂ ಚಿಂತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ. ತಲೆ ಕೆಡಬಾರದು ". Government think that Congress is doing subversive activities. Let us test by touch stone whether Government view is correct or Congress is right. Government seeing that by such mass awakening people got Responsible Government in British provinces they are anxious to suppress this movement. Let us consider the question ourselves. Did not people fight for their freedom in Germany and other places sacrificing [illegible] lives? Is it a fault on our part to pray for our birth-rights [illegible] are numerous instances of this type. Let us [illegible] and see how far it is right. Long before this, People [illegible] were urging for Responsible Government. This [illegible] Congress now. The aim continues the same. It is but [illegible] to suppress another who is growing prosperous. It is [illegible]

difficult to make the people fully realise the importance by mere speeches. It can be very well understood by representations and replies to them in the Assembly. To what extent the resolutions passed in the Assembly been given effect to by the Government. It is important to see whether Congress came of its own accord or whether it was made to come forward by any means. The Dewan in his speech has said that he has in his heart good of the people. He has said that he was nurtured by His Highness the Maharaja and he has got greatest respect towards him. On each point there is great deal to be said. Let us not enter into details. One point I wish to impress. That is, as a result of his speech we see a vision of success. Let them give Responsible Government and see whether we are capable or not of being as officers are. We can redress the grievances of the people immediately. We have to fight for Responsible Government in spite of obstacles. No doubt Government have taken up some uplift work in villages. We should not be contented with this only. We must aspire for higher things. Dewan's speech, Gandhi's statement in leaflets are being circulated and read to villagers. Patels and Panchayet Chairmen have received orders to do so. This is counter movement " ಅಪಪ್ರಚಾರ ". Do not take it as gospel truth what those leaflets contain. Minor points in Gandhi's statement are made much of. We may not agree with anybody's views. We want Responsible Government. Congress is for that. The Dewan holding sand in his hand has been saying to the people that it is gold dust, and by such speech he is trying to deceive people on all side. If we say the true state of affairs in our State, we are considered seditious. Congress is not going against the wishes of His Highness. If we urge for reforms we are considered seditious. If a father asks his son to study but the son is not inclined for it but wants to tend cattle he will say to father " ವಿದ್ಯೆ ಯೋಕವೇ ". The Government have divided people into two parties - one party struggling for their own benefit and

and the other party striving peacefully for the good of the country. To which party do we belong? Let us decide this. I appeal to you to follow the leaders who are going on in spite of difficulties."

Srikantiah of Nanjangud, next spoke thus:-

" If all people are desirous to sit and eat, it is ~~xx~~ my desire to serve them. You are all hungry. I will spread the leaf before you. Which is this leaf? It ~~xx~~ is Mysore situation. I will serve what? The mishappenings of Mysore. (ದುರ್ಘಟನೆ ನಳು). Such food should be digested. Fire is burning and smoke has spread to Hubli, Dharwar, Bombay, people are coming to see this. Storm is raging. The flames are ~~xx~~ blazing sideways. We are on one side of the fire. We are asking the Government which is on the other side of the fire to join us so that they may not have the effects of flames. While serving I want to serve salt. Which salt? Salt for purgative or salt for taste. Let me give the former to flatterers of Government like A.N. Krishna Rao, Devadu Narasimha Sastry. A.N. Krishna Rao does not seem to be reading newspapers. His knowledge is limited to monthly magazines and Text Books. He is not aware of A.B.Latte of Bombay who was formerly of strong communal views and now having given up the same has become a Congress Minister doing good to people in general. Devadu Narasimha Sastry does not know the meaning of " ದುಚ್ಚಾಳಿಕೆ ". He is a pandit. He asked the meaning of it. The meaning is clear in the word itself " ದುಚ್ಚು ಮೈದು ಅಳು ವುದು ".

B.M. Shivaramiah of Nanjangud asked why we should join Congress. Let him himself form a party and fight for his suitable Government without joining Congress.

Government should look to the welfare of the people and not rush aside and reign. Government is like food. (ಸ್ವರಾಜ್ಯವೇ ಅನ್ನ ಪ್ರಜಾಮುಕವೇ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ)

Why the present situation arose in Mysore? In Bombay and other provinces people got admission on Congress tickets and got Responsible Government. In Mysore people wanted to do so but Government are not tolerating it. Prohibitory orders were passed on Hardekar and Kamala Devi. Section 45 was applied and it caught fire. This enraged people. Such actions are brutal. ' ಕಂಗಳ್ಳಾ ಮಂಡು ಪುದು ಮುನ್ನುಪ್ಪ್ಯಮಂಡುವಂಡೆಲನಮ್ಮ ಮ್ಯಗಮೂಡುವ ಂಡೆಲನಮೇ ?

Arrests were made of Pandavas. Thimma Reddi is - Dharmaraya, Veerakesari Seetharama Sastry - Bheema, K.T. Bhashyam - Arjuna/and Siddalingiah are Nakula and Sahadeva. Above all T.A. Jois who was roaring like a lion and whose voice would reach even the Palace. Then Rangaraniah's arrest. He was a tiger in the Representative Assembly. Mr. M. C. Dasappa may be arrested next. Do not be afraid. I have finished my serving and I have washed my hands. We must fight for our country. This is "ನನ್ನ ಯುದ್ಧ ". We will have no defeat.

Thagadur Ramachandra Rao

To attend a meeting there must be threefold object.

1. To attend.
2. To understand and think well.
3. To find out means to attain Responsible Government

Gandhi's statement in Harijan paper is not based on facts. Sri Kamala Devi and Mr. Kariman eye witnesses to Mysore situation were present when Mysore Resolution was passed in All India Congress Committee. Government are distributing copies of Gandhi's statement. " ಇದನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿರುವುದು ನೆರ್ಮಾರದ ಪ್ರುಂಡರನ ".

I appeal to you to digest the food that I have served today."

Mr. T.S.Rajagopaliengar, next spoke thus:-

" In my career humour is lacking " ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ರಸ ಕಡಿಮೆ - ಕೋವ್ರ ಪಾಕ್ಷಿ "

Government's repressive policy has to be severely looked into and measures adopted. Government say that Congress workers are engaged in subversive activities. Government may say that this activity is by rowdy people and they have spread a net like a magician. " ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಲವರು ಇಂದು ಕೆಲವು ಕುಂಡರು ಹೂಡಿರುವ ಪೂಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು. ". If that be the case why should Government in Malavalli, Shimoga and other places make counter-speeches saying what the Government are doing is right and it is to the benefit of the people and not to believe these so called Congress activities. Now it is time for the Government to issue a Press Communique to weed out the differences of opinion among the people. The higher officers of the Government have taken extra trouble to do all these. This leads us to think that there is some truth in Congress activities. So it makes the people to join Congress in large numbers. We can understand that the Mysoreans are behind these activities. From 16th January 1937 and onwards the repression commenced. Then an idea flashed to the Government that what the Congress is doing, may make them shiver in the end. So they have resorted to such repressive measures. It is only on account of this sections 144, etc., were passed on Srimati Kamaladevi, Nardekar and others. This is repression. In addition to this we are pested with C.I.Ds. everywhere.

Recently the Dewan when he was given an entertainment by the so-called merchants of Mysore City, said that some people have posed themselves to be Congressites and have addicted to these subversive activities, that he does not know how these people pose as Congressites. He further said that he is a truer Congressman. The Congress aims at rural reconstruction, Harijan uplift and spread of education. Drink should be prohibited. Is this work a bad one. Congress aim is to attain Responsible Government. Some people say, why we should join the outsiders. Are we not

not using sacred rivers and places of pilgrimage outside Mysore? In Federation members are selected as they like. Out of 375, 125 are nominated by Native States. They too should be elected. For this Responsible Government is necessary. It is said that in British India they took 50 years to get Responsible Government ans so soon we are aspiring here. If possible why not we earn it in 10 months. We pray with folded hands that our His Highness the Maharaja may be pleased to modify this repressive policy and to grant Responsible Government and to release the leaders in Jail.

Mr. B. Narayanaswami, next spoke thus:-

"My lawyer friends had restrained me not to speak as a case under the Police Regulation against me and others is pending in Court. I have spoken for which I will seek pardon. We must show our sympathy to our leaders in Jail. We have assembled here to exhibit our confidence in Mr. H.C. Dasappa. At the dinner in his house yesterday several made speeches with running commentary. We have assembled here to protest against the repressive policy of the Government. By meeting on the 6th of every month and observing Repression Day our leaders in Jail will have courage. Even if Mr. H,C. Dasappa is arrested in a day or two we should not be afraid. If Responsible Government is granted immediately our Advocate Mr. M. A. Doreswamiengar who is like Rajaji who is learned and like Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, is fit for ministers place. All should subscribe for the cause. " ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಕಷ್ಟ ಕಾಣಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ". Srikantiah of Nanjangud is M.N. Jois, the Junior. Responsible Government would certainly be got in a month or three months. Show sympathy to leaders in Jail.

T. Rajan, next spoke thus:-

"Are Pandavas in Jail in this Ramarajya? I wish to confer titles - Chitragupta to C.I.D. staff and Tholasi Doss to Press - correspondents. Recently there was a small earthquake in Mursur.

Mother earth shook. I am uneducated. Effiminate sons should be necked out from houses. I compare Representative Assembly and Legislative Council as Narimallappa's School and Mission School, where boys are asked to sit down, stand up and get out. We want Responsible Government. In 1910 a book was published that in this Yuga Kshatrias are Sudras. No action has been taken against the author but Janavani and Prajamata have been stopped. The Dewan has said that he is a true Congressman. This is the first success for Congress.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda, next spoke thus:-

"I did not come here to speak but the President invited me to speak. A wave of Responsible Government in British India is touching the shores of Mysore. Dewan has expressed in the Assembly that it is the wish of His Highness to allow privileges gradually. Government means Dewan and Councillors. Others are Government Officers. We are not jealous of the Dewan. We do not want his money. Another charge against the Congressites is that most of them are debtors and want money. They are not going about the country begging for money. If we are called seditionists now should we call them. Let us leave this to the Dewan to decide. We hope that the Government would issue a Communique on this point.

Mr. P. Gopala Krishna Setty, next spoke thus:-

" Repression means a blow to the birth-rights of the peopl We have seen repression in Mysore by our own eyes and by reading papers. It is deceiving one's self if we say there is no repression. Government say, is it repression to enforce ordinary provisions of Law? Under what law was Mr. B.N. Gupta deported. Will Government answer this question. There is mass awakening. The world situation is changed. There is Responsible Government

Government in seven provinces. The very fact that thousands of people are attending such meetings is a proof. The membership for Congress has increased by leaps and bounds. In 1936 there were 6,000 members. Now the figure has reached to 18,000. The Government are saying that they are doing village reconstruction work, Harijan uplift and other constructive measures. If we have Responsible Government we can do four times as much. There is differences between man and beast. Man considers liberty as most important. We must sink our differences to protest Repression. - Congress does not recognise any Caste. It is only of one Caste. It is Kshatria.
/We must all become Ksnatrias. Otherwise we don't get victory.

Swami Doss, spoke next thus :-

"Our brotner of Nanjangud - Srikantiah has served at this dinner. For 30 crores of population in Britisn India it took 50 years to get Responsible Government but for 60 lakns of Mysore long period is not necessary. Five months will do. Congress people are said to be debtors. Have not Government incurred debts New party has been formed now. Do not join it. Treat it with contempt. Police are here. They are taking down every speech. Dewan and Councillors form Government. We want persons elected by the people for those places. Present situtation is like a hood of a cobra spread out. Be careful. If we are not cautious we will be bitten. We have to proceed very carefully. Our sympathi are to the leaders in Jail.

Mr. M. C. Dasappa, next spoke thus:-

Cold is very severe now. If there is no heat in our - speeches they will be very cold. Government are making the situation hot and causing pin-pricks in many ways. " ಅನೇಕ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಿರುಕುಳ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ". S. Rangaramiah, M. N. Jois, T. - Subranmanyam and Nanjappa Kotre are instances of such pin-pricks.

Recently Anku Gowda and Kariappa are proceeded under security sections. While Anku Gowda was in a meeting with lawyers who were engaged in delivering speeches, he was been charged that he was at that time creating disturbance of peace in prohibiting by obstructing persons from going to toddy shop at some other place. The present activity is God's will " ಭಗವಂತನ ಲೀಲೆ " God has said that whenever injustice increases he will come down to help mankind. Unity has taken root in people. On 25-11-1937 when I had gone to Hassan, I noticed this. Mr. Gundappa Gowda who was against Congress is now a Congressite. Ministers are those elevated in Government service only. We pray for elected minister The two Councillors are not interfering. " ಅವರು ಎಲ್ಲಿದಾಕ್ಕೋ ಹಕ್ಕೆಯೇ ಇಲ್ಲ ". The Dewan is all in all. " ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಿವಾನನೇ ಮಾಡುವುದು ". That is why we say Dewan, Dewan for everything. In his Closepet speech the Dewan warned the Municipal bodies not to take part in politics and if they violate, they would be [illegible]. Now he has so arranged that the Panchayet Chairman and [illegible] are reading Gandhi's statement and Dewan's speech to the villagers. Is this not their taking part in Politics. [illegible] contrary to his tongue. If jasmine flower has to propagate it spreads of its own accord and does not require advertisement. Now out of ryots' money a publicity department is created just to increase the burden of the ryot. If anybody has [illegible] towards Government even that is about to be [illegible]. ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸಾರವ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅದೂ ಹೋಗುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಆಯಿತು

At Kunigal a few days ago while the [illegible] Gandi there was a big Vedanta there. [illegible] Drama which I witnessed while I was a student [illegible]. In it the moral was - what if food or chutnam is eaten, [illegible] food alone - what if we live in Palace or hut? [illegible] live in Palace alone. " ಅನ್ನ ತಿಂದರೇನು. ಚುಟ್ನಿ ತಿಂದರೇನು. ಅನ್ನವನ್ನೇ ತಿಂದು ಬಿಡೋಣಾ. ಅರಮನೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೇನು. ಗುಡಿಸಲಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೇನು. ಅರಮನೆ ಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಇದ್ದು ಬಿಡೋಣಾ. ಇದೇ ಪಾಠ."

ಅವರ ಪ್ರಚಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸ ಮೊದಲೇ ಅಲ್ಲಾ.

There is no beginning or end for bad propaganda. "
ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ರಾಜ ಭಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರೇ ". Poor ryot with his bent body works all day through spills his blood and gives money. He is not considered to be a loyal subject. Those only who are receiving fat salaries are loyal. You tell me who is loyal.

At Thirthanalli someone remarked that among Congress-workers many are debtors. The debt of Government was of 9 crores. Now it has increased to 12 crores. I remember Sir M. Visweswariah's words. He said that to advance one must become debtor as it gives him an impetus to think and take initiative. Let a list of Government Officers who are debtors be prepared. What a big list it would be. At the doors of several Government Officers Pathan money lenders are waiting. Previous speakers have explained who the true Congressmen are. Every Congressman should think that his ideal is good. He must wear Khadder from head to foot. If I am given now such fat salary as Government Officers, I would have become a true Congressman long back. He who sacrifices is only fit to be a Congressman. If one merely boasts that he is a Congressman he is dishonouring the name of the Congress. It is not right for him to say so. In this connection I am reminded of a Puranic story. Dharmaraya boasted that he was giving charity to 1308 persons daily. His pride increased. Krishna to put an end to it adopted a plan. He asked Dharmaraya to go to Bali and speak to him. Accordingly Dharmaraya went to Bali and even there he boasted that he was doing dharma to 1308 persons. Bali said that he was not finding in his country any one in need of charity. So it is the creed of Congress to make the country prosperous that no one is in need of charity. If Government have wisdom - if they have discrimination "ನಕ್ಕವರಿಗೆ ವಿವೇಕ ವಿದ್ದರೆ, ವಿಜ್ಞಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಯಿದ್ದರೆ ಇದಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅವರಾಳ ಕೊಡಬಾರದಾಗಿತ್ತು. Mr. K. T. Bashyam was arrested on 10th October and sent to jail on 8th November. Similarly Mr. Siddalingiah. Many are asking me the way to go to jail and they are ready to go to jail. If the Government have god wisdom it is their duty

duty to prevent people from falling agsinst each other. Many people are asking me as to why we are not demanding money for our work while Government Officers are demanding money for their work. I am confident of your support in time of need. If I go round with a Jolige (ಜೋಳಿಗೆ) I am sure every one will give me something and it would be overfilled. I want your support of Athma. Time of distress will surely come if Government do not awake soon and redress grievances. " ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೂಡಲೆ ಎಚ್ಚೆತ್ತು ಕೊಂಡು ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಸರಿ ಇಲ್ಲವಾದರೆ ಏನೋ ಗೊಂದಲವಾಗುತ್ತೆ

—— ". For this we are not responsible. In the fire-pit of self-sacrifice we must purify our life of gold.

" ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮೆಂಬ ಅನ್ನಿಸುವಂಥದಲ್ಲ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನ ಮೆಂಬ ಹೊನ್ನನ್ನು ಪುಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಬೇಕು. ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಭೀಮಸಂಕನ ಅಂಶವಿದೆ. ಪ್ರೊಫೆಸರ್ ಪ್ರವಾಹದ ಹಾಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತೆ. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಸೊಂಟ ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಂಡು ಬನ್ನಿ. ಭಾರತ ಮಾತೆಯ ಸುಪುತ್ರರೂ, ಸುಪುತ್ರಿಯರೂ, ಪ್ರಹ್ಲಾದ ನಂತೆಯು ಅಭಿಮನ್ಯುವಿನಂತೆಯು, ಲವಕುಶರಂತೆಯೂ ಕೂರಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾವಿತ್ರಿ, ದ್ರೌಪದಿ, ಸೀತಾದೇವಿಯಂತೆ ಸುಪುತ್ರಿಯರಿರಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

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There are young Harimans. We are seeing great men like Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. " ನೀವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳಾಗಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮರಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಧೈರ್ಯಂಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಎಂಬ ಆಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪಾದಿಸಿರಿ. ".

(At this stage there was commotion. People got up; there was claps and shouts.). Mr. Dasappa continued thus :-

Please take your seats and stop noise.

"The resolution has to be passed.

The following resolutions were read:-

1. The Mysore Congress Committee urges the [illegible] establishment of Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja.

2. The same Committee condemns the repressive [illegible] the Government.

The meeting terminated at 9-10 P.M. with shouts of ಮಹಾತ್ಮಾ ಗಾಂಧಿಕೀ ಜೈ ".

All the speeches were in Kannada.

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